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Mr. C. Ramalinga Reddi :—" Perhaps I had better put my question also, so that the hon. theMinister might answer both together. What we are anxious to know from the hon. the Minister is whether there has been any correspondence about this grant of 2½ or 3 lakhs, and whether the University did not request him to hand it over unconditionally, and what orders have been passed on that request ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro :—" There have been doubts about the matter. Legal opinion was taken and the matter is still under consideration."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" With regard to item (4) under which a large sum has been sanctioned in the current official year, viz., 'Publication of a "History of South India" by Mr. Robert Sewell—Rs. 8,250 ', may I ask the hon. the Minister for Education to state whether the publication is going to be done in England or in India, and if in England, what the reasons are, why an extra sum should have been paid, because it will cost more in England than in India ? "

Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" Is it not a fact, Sir, that books printed in England get a wider publicity ? "

(No answer.)

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" Is Dr. Subbarayan the Education Minister ? "

Capitation allowance to elementary teachers.

359 *Q.*—Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to answer—

(1) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to Endorsement N. Dis. on C. No. 1402-B of 1923, dated 26th September 1923, of the Director of Public Instruction stopping payment of Capitation allowance to the elementary teachers (in the North Arcot district) earned in the year 1922–23 which but for this order would have been paid to these teachers in 1923 in the usual course ; and

(2) in the light of the fact that the new increase of pay in substitution of the Capitation allowance (referred to in G.O. No. 14, dated 3rd January 1923) came into force only from 1st April 1923, whether the Government contemplate issuing orders that the Capitation allowance for 1922–23 already earned by the elementary teachers and due to them be paid to them at once ?

A.—(1) Yes.

(2) No, since such disbursement will mean a duplication of payment along with the enhancement of salary.

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" My question has only been partly answered, Sir, because I referred to the accrual of the amount for the year 1922–23 which would have been (in the usual course) paid but for the order referred to. The new Act came into force only after 1st April 1923."

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro :—" I cannot give more information than what I have already stated, viz., that the teachers cannot have both increase of salary and the capitation allowance."

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" It is not both that they ask for, Sir. I want to know why the amount that was ear-marked for the purpose was held over ? "

(No answer.)